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Tlass: We can reach Negev reactor Syrian suicide pilots 'would hit U.S. fleet'

BEIRUT (AP). — Syrian Defence Minister Gen. Mustafa Tlass said in a magazine interview published yesterday that if attacked by U.S. forces, Syria has air force pilots ready to wage suicide reprisals on American warships off Beirut's coast.

Tlass also claimed that Syria can hit Israel's nuclear reactor near Dimona with surface-to-surface Soviet-made missiles which have a longer range than that of the SS-21 missiles it recently acquired from the USSR.

"If the Americans attack us, then we shall answer with all adequate means," Tlass told the pro-Syrian Beirut magazine *Al-Kifah Al-Arabi*. "We have flyers ready to undertake kamikaze attacks on American warships."

Tlass added, "When there is a Lebanese resistor who storms the (U.S.) Marine base (in Beirut), why shouldn't I have pilots prepared to accomplish similar heroic missions?"

When the magazine reporter suggested that the U.S. might retaliate for an attack on the marines, Tlass said: "We are not aggressors. We are staying in our land and so are the Lebanese. It is the U.S. which covered 13,000 kilometres to attack us. Should we tell the U.S. 'You're welcome'?"

It was the first time that a senior Syrian cabinet minister lauded as "heroic" the October 23 truck-bomb attack that killed 239 American servicemen at the U.S. Marine base in Beirut.

Syrian maintains 50,000 troops in

northern, eastern and central Lebanon. The Syrian government claimed its central Lebanese mountain gunners fired on U.S. jets when they flew over Syrian positions on a reconnaissance run two weeks ago.

Robert McFarlane, as President Reagan's national security adviser, warned two days later that the U.S. would not tolerate any Syrian threats to its forces.

In the interview with *Al-Kifah Al-Arabi*, Tlass said McFarlane's warning "does not scare Syria... If American planes attack us, we shall not hesitate in hitting them, and if they (planes) kill one Syrian soldier, we shall not be content with killing one American soldier."

Tlass denied a recent claim by Deputy Prime Minister David Levy that Syria was sending about 2,000 Soviet advisers home.

He also said Syria now possesses surface-to-surface missiles with a 300-kilometre range capable of hitting Israel's Negev nuclear reactor.

"We can hit it," Tlass said of the reactor. "This is not a problem."

Tlass did not identify the type of missiles he claims to have that could hit the Israeli reactor. The Syrians early in October obtained the Soviet-made SS-21s, which have a range of 120 kilometres.

Tlass claimed, "We are now saturated with weapons. We can field an army of 750,000 men in a general mobilization."

Western intelligence sources estimate Syria's standing army has about 240,000 men.



U.S. Marine amphibious landing craft approach Beirut on Friday, as some 1,800 members of the force relieve other units on duty in the battered Lebanese city. (UPI telephoto)

Intensified fighting between Arafat, rebels

TRIPOLI (Reuters). — Fighting around north Lebanon's disputed Baddawi refugee camp intensified yesterday as rebel Palestinian forces unleashed barrages of rockets and shells on positions held by terrorists loyal to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Tripoli port and the coastal highway — two fallback positions for Arafat's force — were shelled in one of the heaviest bombardments since the fighting for the camp began on November 3, residents said.

Local officials said a warehouse and a fuel tank in the port caught fire, sending a huge pall of smoke over the area. A small blaze in a ship was quickly extinguished.

The renewed fighting shattered a brief morning lull and brought volleys of artillery on Baddawi and parts of this northern port city where hundreds of civilians and terrorists have been killed in more than two weeks of battles.

Arafat's men opened fire on the Syrian-backed dissidents around the camp. The rebels replied with heavy weapons from positions inside the camp, drawing rocket fire from other Arafat loyalists in the orange groves to the southwest of Baddawi.

For the past week, the two sides (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Labour may submit bill for early elections

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party may submit an early-elections bill to the Knesset on Wednesday in an effort to advance general elections to late February 1984.

The success of the Labour move hinges on the party's ability to mobilize the support of at least 61 MKs — an absolute majority is mandatory for legislation to reschedule elections.

To muster such a majority, Labour is engaged in feverish behind-the-scenes negotiations with what are considered the "weak links" of the coalition. These include Tami, the two former Telem members, and the malcontent

members of the Liberal Party. Opposition hopes were buoyed last week when MKs Yehuda Ben-Meir (National Religious Party) and David Magen (Herut) declared on a radio talk show that they would support early elections.

Alignment Knesset faction chairman Moshe Shaleh said yesterday that contacts have been established with "certain coalition elements" to make sure that election day is scheduled not later than February. But insiders say that Labour Party Chairman Shimon Peres is pushing for an early change in the status quo to prevent a challenge to his leadership from former president Yitzhak Navon.

Curfew in Tulkarm after bombs thrown

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Parts of the West Bank town of Tulkarm were again under curfew last night following a spate of petrol-bombings over the past two days.

On Friday morning two petrol bombs were thrown at Egged buses passing through the town, which saw a violent pro-Yasser Arafat demonstration last weekend in which two people were shot dead.

Soldiers travelling in the buses fired into the air. No damage or injuries were reported. A curfew was imposed and wide-scale searches mounted.

Another device was hurled at a military observation post in the town on Friday. Again, no damage or injuries were reported.

At Birzeit University and in the village of Yabid, near Jenin, there were demonstrations and rallies in support of the beleaguered "Abu Amar," as Arafat is popularly known.

Meanwhile, slogans against Syria and for Arafat were found in several public places in Nazareth over the weekend.

The Committee Against the War in Lebanon organized four rallies in Nazareth and the Arab villages over the weekend to protest against Syria and the PLO rebels headed by Abu Musa. Chairmen of Arab Local Councils belonging to the Democratic Front attended the rallies calling for a halt to the bloodshed in north Lebanon.

US, Israel agree on arms, differ on 'concessions'

Senior Israeli and American ministers last night stressed the need for U.S.-Israel military partnership in securing Middle East peace.

But while U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz appealed in Washington for Israel to make concessions, particularly by halting settlement activity in the administered areas, Defence Minister Moshe Arens declared in Jerusalem that Israel would make no concessions in Judea and Samaria.

Arens also voiced disappointment that U.S. cooperation in the past was not all that might have been expected, while Shultz declared that the U.S. has always

made sure Israel received sufficient help to maintain its deterrent posture.

Arens deplored the U.S. administration's "even-handed" treatment of democracies and dictatorships. Shultz said Israel had to seek acceptance by its neighbours.

Arens said that on his forthcoming visit to Washington with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, he anticipated "strong cooperation" with the U.S. Shultz for his part merely listed "important concerns" that will be discussed.

Shultz calls for halt in settlement

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State George Shultz last night reaffirmed the importance of strong U.S.-Israeli relations in the search for peace in the Middle East, and strongly appealed to Israel to halt settlement construction on the West Bank and in Gaza.

And with the PLO in disarray, he urged Jordan's King Hussein to join the peace process based on President Reagan's September 1, 1982, initiative.

"The United States has always understood that a strong Israel is not only a guarantor of security for the Jewish people but also a powerful force for freedom and a strategic partner to America and the West," Shultz said in a lengthy speech prepared for delivery before the Annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in Atlanta.

"That's why we have ensured — and will continue to ensure — that Israel receives the help it needs to maintain a military advantage to deter its enemies," he continued.

"The Soviet military build-up in Syria underlines this necessity. The U.S. has furnished over \$20 billion in military and economic aid since 1949 (to Israel), most of it in the last 10 years. In fiscal year 1984, Israel will receive a total of \$2.6b. in military and economic assistance."

But the secretary went on to insist that "military power is not enough." He urged Israel to make concessions in the broader peace process.

"Military might and control of territory have prevented defeat on the battlefield," he said, "but true security and peace of mind can come only when Israel has gained the acceptance and recognition of its neighbours."

"That is why, even as we assist Israel's capacity to defend itself militarily, the promotion of Arab-

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Arens: U.S. finally seeing Mideast reality

By HADM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Defence Minister Moshe Arens said last night that there had not been the cooperation that might have been expected between the U.S. and Israel, and that it took the recent "massive loss of life" for the American leaders "to finally realize whom we are dealing with."

Speaking in Jerusalem to the fifth annual convention of U.S. conservative Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority, being held at the Diplomat Hotel, Arens described what he called the "desire to adopt an arms-length relationship" on the part of the American administration. This "evenhandedness between democracy and dictatorship" is said and disappointing, he said.

During his forthcoming visit to the U.S. with Prime Minister Shamir, Arens said, he is hoping for "strong cooperation with the U.S." But he stressed that Israel will make no concessions in Judea and Samaria.

Those who claim that by making concessions Israel would be able to divert resources from defence, he said, "simply do not know whom we are dealing with here in the Middle East. Hostility is endemic to the area."

As for the situation in Lebanon, Arens said that Israel's military operation "achieved a great victory, not only for Israel, but for the free world." But he added that recently, "instead of moving forward, we

have been moving backward."

He noted that a pro-Iranian extremist (Hussein Musawi) in Baalbek had said that now that Israel and France have hit back against the strikes by their forces, the Iranian backed forces would really start a holy war with suicide squads. "I would not take such a warning lightly," Arens said, "but if we use our guts, we can overcome this too."

In a meeting with Falwell on Friday, Shamir expressed concern that Israeli-Syrian tension could lead to further bloodshed, "which he does not want," according to Falwell.

[The Syrian situation is due to be discussed at this morning's weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem.]

The Christian leader said he had met with President Reagan on Wednesday, but added that it was only a social gathering, and that he has not brought Israel any message.

Falwell's delegation of 630 American Christians, most of them clergymen, came to show that "the more than 110,000 fundamentalist churches in America and thousands more evangelical churches support the State of Israel," he said.

He contrasted his organization views with what he called a growing anti-Israeli, "or at least neutral," position taken recently by the World Council of Churches.

He said Shamir "expressed gratitude that conservative Christians in America are showing support for the State of Israel."

Roadside bomb kills soldier

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter and Agencies

METULLA. — Rav-Tsur Moshe Ben-Tsur, 20, of Ra'anana, was killed and six other Israeli soldiers were slightly wounded by a bomb on Thursday night in Sidon, Lebanon.

Ben-Tsur was buried on Friday in the military section of his home town's cemetery. He is survived by his parents, two younger brothers and a sister.

The incident occurred when a convoy of IDF vehicles, including a jeep and two trucks, was travelling north along the coastal road in the evening. Attackers set a large bomb at the side of the road, and waited either in the adjacent orchard or in an abandoned building for the convoy to pass.

When the vehicles drove by the

site, the bomb was set off by remote control.

The wounded received first aid at the site of the blast, and were then taken to hospital in Israel.

Soldiers in the vehicles opened fire towards where they thought the attackers might have been. Roadblocks were set up in the area, and soldiers set out in pursuit.

The attack was apparently well-planned, as was the attackers' escape route.

On the eastern front in Lebanon, Dutch UNIFIL soldiers found four anti-vehicle mines and four anti-personnel mines near the village of Al-Jibyan. The mines were dismantled safely.

In another incident, Fijian UN troops found a Katyusha rocket which had been launched but failed to explode.



President Chaim Herzog joins Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young in a toast at a reception hosted by Young on Friday for delegates to the North American Council of Jewish Federations annual convention. Both men served in the late 1970s as their countries' chief delegates to the UN. (UPI telephoto)

Herzog welcomes U.S. anti-Soviet moves

ATLANTA (JTA). — President Chaim Herzog on Thursday night hinted very strongly that America's policy of standing tough against Soviet and Cuban activity in Central America deserves the support of the Jewish people. But he stopped just short of explicitly endorsing the Reagan administration's policy as the official Israeli position.

Nevertheless, Herzog's address here to 3,000 delegates at the 52nd general assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations was seen by many as an effort to bring into harmony the foreign policies of Israel and the U.S. It was also viewed as a speech uncharacteristic of a president of Israel, who usually delivers ceremonial and non-political addresses to American Jewish audiences.

In a sledgehammer attack on the Soviet Union and its surrogates in the Middle East, primarily Syria, Herzog told the Jewish communal leaders from the U.S. and Canada that "what you have been experiencing in your own vicinity is not new to us. Already in 1974, we faced Cuban armoured brigades on the Golan Heights, not to mention the inevitable North Korean and North Vietnamese elements."

Shias threaten 'suicide' attacks on peace force

TRIPOLI (AP). — The head of the pro-Iranian Amal Islamic Movement has said his forces will launch suicide attacks on the Multinational Peace-keeping Force.

Hussein Musawi, whose house was bombed in Thursday's French bombing raid, told a news conference in the Bekaa Valley on Friday that "plenty of our suicide men wearing their shrouds will chase the multi-national force around the clock. The aggressors will taste new methods of suicide retaliation," he said. (See related story page 2)

The Soviet Union meanwhile condemned the French bombing of Shia positions in Lebanon and charged this was a prelude to further military action by NATO troops in the Middle East.

The official news agency Tass said the bombing raids made clear that the Multinational Peace-

keeping Force in Lebanon, which the Soviets have always referred to as an occupying force, is interfering ever more openly in Lebanese affairs.

"Now it is almost impossible to draw a line between that (multinational) force and the Israeli occupiers," Tass said.

The agency further charged that recent actions in Lebanon prefaced greater expansion of NATO forces in the Middle East. It recalled the U.S. push to have NATO allies do more to help protect the Persian Gulf and other strategic points.

Meanwhile, the French press on Friday overwhelmingly supported the government's decision to mount an air strike to punish those presumed responsible for the bombing deaths of 58 French soldiers in Beirut.

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Jemayel, Fahd holding talks

JYADH (AP). — Lebanese President Amin Jemayel arrived yesterday for talks with King Fahd encompasing the situation in Lebanon with emphasis on withdrawal of foreign troops.

The talks will cover Jemayel's upcoming trips to Syria, Jordan and the U.S., the reports added. Jemayel's call on Saudi Arabia came in accord with the recommendations of the reconciliation conference of Lebanon's factional political leaders in Geneva. The conference was an offshoot of the

Lebanese cease-fire accord of September 26 in which Saudi Arabia along with the U.S. played a key role.

Jemayel was the first head of state to land at the newly inaugurated King Khalid \$3.2 billion airport, said to be the biggest in the world.

Jemayel was to have visited Damascus last Monday, but it was postponed at the last minute when President Hafez Assad entered hospital for an appendectomy, officials there said.

Assad was said to have resumed his duties by receiving his Foreign Minister Abdel-Halim Khaddam on Friday, but officials did not specify whether he had left hospital.

Both Saudi Arabia and Syria attended the first round of the Geneva national reconciliation talks, which were adjourned earlier this month pending the results of Jemayel's tour.

Israel XI to play W. Germany today in critical match

Post Sports Staff

Israel entertains a powerful West German visiting in a critical Olympic soccer qualifying match at Bloomfield Stadium in Jaffa this afternoon, kickoff 4.45.

The outcome of the match will largely determine which of the two nations advances toward a spot in next summer's Olympics in Los Angeles.

West Germany won the first encounter 3-0 earlier this year, but Israel drew heart from its 1-0 victory over Portugal at Bloomfield three weeks ago. (See sports page 7)

EXERCISES. — Air forces of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council are to conduct joint exercises in the Saudi Arabian desert later this month.

To our readers

We apologize to readers who did not receive Friday's paper. This was due to a mechanical failure in the press, Thursday night. The resulting delay upset our distribution arrangements. We very much regret this unfortunate occurrence.

Germans fear more violence in peace protests

By TONY CARRITT

BONN (Reuters). — After bomb attacks on military targets and companies linked with the arms trade, West German authorities are worried that extremists are changing the largely non-violent character of anti-nuclear protests in the country.

Justice authorities say left-wing urban guerrilla groups modelled on the notorious Baader-Meinhof gang active in the 1970s were responsible for at least six recent blasts which have caused damage worth millions of marks.

Letters claiming responsibility for the attacks make clear they are in protest against NATO plans to install U.S. medium-range nuclear missiles in West Germany, according to Alexander Prechtel of the federal prosecutor's office.

The first missiles are to be deployed by the end of the year unless U.S. and Soviet negotiators reach agreement on reducing arms at talks in Geneva, and Interior Minister Friedrich Zimmermann has said he expects extremist groups to step up violence as the deadline approaches.

Zimmermann claimed to have evidence that extremists planned to besiege parliament tomorrow and Tuesday and would try to prevent deputies from attending a debate on the missiles expected to end with a vote in favour of

deployment.

West Germany's anti-nuclear movement said last Wednesday that it plans to occupy the parliament building tomorrow, but promised not to try to surmount by force police barriers that will seal off parliament during the debate.

Zimmermann said the extremist groups are dissatisfied with recent anti-missile demonstrations by the country's peace movement. The protests have been almost entirely trouble-free, despite government fears of a "hot autumn."

Prechtel said justice authorities believe a group connected with the "Red Army Faction" — a guerrilla unit comprising members of the former Baader-Meinhof gang — was behind bombings at a U.S. Air Force base in August and the West German Army's military intelligence school last month.

The two blasts caused damage expected to total over DM1 million. As in all incidents so far, no one was injured.

In a letter similar to messages from other units claiming responsibility for attacks elsewhere, the group said it carried out the intelligence school blast and referred to West Germany as an "imperialistic NATO state."

Prechtel said this RAF sees the U.S. and West Germany because it is a U.S. ally, as its main enemies.

In the last few weeks, guerrillas have increasingly turned to attacking West German companies. "The common link between all these incidents is the weapons theme," Prechtel explained.

Company spokesmen said the actions seemed to be aimed more at knocking out the "nerve centre" of a firm and bringing administrative work to a standstill than at harming people.

Bombers recently struck on three consecutive nights in different parts of the country, causing damage estimated at just under DM1m. at two administration buildings of the giant Siemens electronics company and an office of the Krupp engineering conglomerate.

The bombings followed a blast in September at the data centre of another major engineering group, MAN, which temporarily knocked out computers and caused damage of DM4m.

Responsibility for that attack was claimed by self-styled "revolutionary cells," thought to be a loose network of small guerrilla groups working independently, who made clear their action was linked with MAN's delivery to U.S. forces of vehicles for carrying new high-speed Pershing-2 nuclear missiles.

U.S. forces stationed in West Germany are to take 108 Pershing-25 and 96 slower cruise missiles under the NATO plans.

The weather at major Swissair destinations

18.11.1983	MIN.	MAX.	WIND	WEATHER
AMSTERDAM	4	9	45	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	1	9	41	Cloudy
RUENNES AIRS	1	9	41	Cloudy
CHICAGO	2	14	57	Rain
COPENHAGEN	-1	7	45	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	3	7	43	Cloudy
GENEVA	2	8	37	Cloudy
HELSINKI	-5	2	36	Snow
HONG KONG	18	24	22	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	10	26	77	Clear
LISBON	10	19	98	Clear
LONDON	7	9	48	Cloudy
MADRID	7	14	57	Cloudy
MONTREAL	4	23	37	Cloudy
NEW YORK	3	17	50	Cloudy
OSLO	-2	8	43	Clear
PARIS	5	12	51	Clear
RIO DE JANEIRO	22	27	24	Clear
SÃO PAULO	16	21	31	Clear
STOCKHOLM	-3	7	41	Clear
TOKYO	8	16	17	Clear
TORONTO	2	20	39	Cloudy
VIENNA	0	12	45	Clear
ZURICH	2	8	37	Cloudy

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THE WEATHER
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Yesterday's	Today's	Tomorrow's
High/Low	High/Low	High/Low
Jerusalem 26/10-25/21	26/10-25/21	26/10-25/21
Golan 18/10-23/20	18/10-23/20	18/10-23/20
Nahariya 20/13-28/25	20/13-28/25	20/13-28/25
Haifa Port 24/14-21/19	24/14-21/19	24/14-21/19
Tiberias 48/19-27/25	48/19-27/25	48/19-27/25
Nazareth 47/9-24/23	47/9-24/23	47/9-24/23
Afula 30/14-28/25	30/14-28/25	30/14-28/25
Shomron 18/14-26/22	18/14-26/22	18/14-26/22
Tel Aviv 31/15-27/25	31/15-27/25	31/15-27/25
B-G Airport 22/15-29/26	22/15-29/26	22/15-29/26
Jericho 33/11-27/26	33/11-27/26	33/11-27/26
Gaza 16/29/24	16/29/24	16/29/24
Beer Sheva 8/12-29/28	8/12-29/28	8/12-29/28
Eilat 22/28/28	22/28/28	22/28/28

2,400 homes in West Bank by March 31

By next March 31, 2,400 housing units will have been started in the West Bank, the Housing Ministry predicted on Friday.

Also put under construction during the year will be nine schools, 12 pre-schools and day-care centres, swimming pools, sports facilities, synagogues and commercial centres. Roads being built include those connecting Modi'in and Beit Sira, Ma'ale Adumim and French Hill, the Harina road, a road from Givat Ze'ev to Ramon, one from Morasha to Kfar Kassis, a Kfar Kassis bypass and other highways south of Hebron.

Work is getting under way at Har-mash, one of six new settlements to be built in the West Bank, Adora and Bracha have recently been completed, and work will begin soon at Utniel, Dolav and Kociva, the ministry announced.

Speaking Friday night on Kol Yisrael, Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman expressed hope that all 4,000 building starts originally budgeted will be realized, without being affected by budget cuts.

Ne'eman ridiculed arguments by anti-settlement groups that the country's economy is suffering because of building in the territories. Settlements take only 1 per cent of the state budget, he said, so their effect on the economic situation is minimal.

U.S. plans \$49m. for Egyptian base

WASHINGTON (AP). — A House of Representatives appropriations subcommittee on Friday approved \$49 million to build facilities at an Egyptian base that would be used by U.S. rapid-deployment troops in an emergency.

The funding plan is a scaled-down version of a proposal by President Reagan to spend some \$900m. at Ras Banas on the Red Sea.

The Military Construction Subcommittee, which reported the measure to the full Appropriations Committee, approved the money on condition that no additional U.S. funds be spent.

To become law, the measure must be passed by Congress and signed by the president.

The \$49m., a sum to be matched by Egypt, will mainly be spent to upgrade a runway, and to build a desalination plant for drinking water, a fire station and jet fuel tanks.

The administration initially proposed spending \$500m. in construction and some \$370m. to keep equipment there.

The existing base includes mostly old Soviet-built buildings, underground bunkers and a command centre. An Egyptian caretaker force maintains them.

GANDHI. — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi turned 66 yesterday and hundreds of her supporters converged at her home in New Delhi to wish her a happy birthday.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

French planes had to decoy Sam-6 missiles during raid

PARIS. — A barrage of Soviet-built Sam-6 missiles fired at Super-Étendard jets during last Thursday's French raid near the Lebanese town of Baalbek was deflected by sophisticated electronic countermeasures, informed sources said yesterday.

The French pilots saw the Sam missiles being launched from armoured vehicles as they started their bombing run against a training camp occupied by the pro-Iranian Amal Shia group, the sources said.

Giving technical details of the 14 aircraft in the strike, the French Defence Ministry said they included 10 Super-Étendards equipped with electronic countermeasures and "snowflake" decoys.

"Snowflake," which scatters a shower of metallic flakes to lure missiles away from their targets, has its origins in World War II.

Four Super-Étendards equipped with bombs and rockets carried out the attack as the other aircraft deployed to counter missiles.

At the same time U.S.-built Crusader jets from the carrier Clemenceau provided air cover against possible fighter attack, the ministry said.

Military sources said the Sam-6 was a relatively unsophisticated anti-aircraft missile launched in three from armoured vehicles.

They said deflecting it once it was launched was a fairly straightforward task.

The sources said it was not known who had fired the Sam missiles but said they were fired from near the target which French television yesterday said was a military barracks about five kilometres east of Baalbek.

Military experts said they believed that Syria was the only country in the region using such missiles but said they had no information on who had fired on the French aircraft.

About 50 people were killed and the residence of a leader of the pro-Iranian militia was bombed in Thursday's air raids, it was reported on Friday.

The French News Agency, citing "reliable sources," said the Super-Étendard jets using 400-kilogram and 250-kilogram bombs made two attacks against the Shia stronghold.

It said the planes destroyed the residence of Shia leader Hussein Musawi.

French Defence Ministry officials claim their warplanes attacked on Thursday "without errors," but reporters on the ground say the French jets missed what was apparently their target.

Lebanese reporters who visited the scene of the air assault said that a single French fighter plane made the bombing run over the Sheikh Abdallah Barracks, a former Lebanese Army garrison taken over last September by the fundamentalist

Shia Moslem militia Hezbollah (party of God).

The reporters said that two of the six rockets fired by the jet fell close to the barracks, causing no damage, while the others fell in vineyards nearby.

Local residents deemed the raid a failure compared with the Israeli strike the day before which scored direct hits on a nearby Iranian training camp for Shia Moslems.

Israeli jets caused severe damage to Shia militiamen and Iranian Revolutionary Guards near Nabi Sheet, about 20 kilometres southwest of the French bombing site.

Police in Beirut said that 43 people were killed in the Israeli raid, including some of the fundamentalist Moslem supporters of Musawi.

Western intelligence sources have accused Musawi of masterminding the October 23 truck-bombing attacks that killed 239 Americans and 58 French soldiers in Beirut and the November 4 truck-bomb assault that killed 29 Israeli soldiers.

Reporters in the Bekaa Valley of eastern Lebanon also said that the Khawam Hotel, reportedly a headquarters of Musawi, was not hit by the French. Earlier, the Christian-controlled Voice of Lebanon radio station had reported that the hotel was destroyed by the attacking French jets. (Reuters, AP)

Rumsfeld expected in Damascus today

AMMAN (AP). — Donald Rumsfeld, the special U.S. presidential envoy on the Middle East, arrived here from Ankara yesterday to resume his interrupted Middle East tour.

Rumsfeld left Saudi Arabia on Friday unexpectedly while on his first swing through the Middle East to fly to the Turkish capital for urgent consultations on the Cyprus crisis.

The U.S. envoy declined to make any statement on arrival either about his visit to Ankara or his Middle East tour.

He was originally scheduled to arrive here on Monday.

Jordanian officials said he is to have talks with King Hussein and government ministers later in the day.

The officials said Rumsfeld will fly to Damascus today, for talks with President Hafez Assad.

End Palestinian killing, Arab notables urge

Jerusalem Post Staff

Palestinian notables of the Road to Peace movement in the administered territories and Israel, yesterday called on the Palestinian organizations fighting each other in northern Lebanon to stop the bloodshed.

Meeting at the home of Mohammed Nasser in Dura near Hebron, 100 notables from the West Bank, Gaza Strip and the Negev also called on Jordan's King Hussein to open direct negotiations with Israel to achieve an end of the occupation and peace between the two countries, according to an Israeli spokesman for the group.

They appealed to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to renew talks with Israel on "a solution to the problem," and called on Israel to allow political organization in the territories for peace negotiations.

Present at the meeting, the spokesman said, were former Jordanian parliament member Ali Shari, Burhan Jabari, son of the late mayor of Hebron, and many village leaders and school principals.

Among the Israeli guests were writers Aharon Megged, Haim Guri, Hanoach Bar-Tov and Omer Hillel.

Giscard here next month

PARIS (JTA). — Former president Valéry Giscard d'Estaing will visit Israel next month. Giscard, who refused to visit Israel during his seven-year presidency, will arrive on December 28 for a 10-day stay. He will be accompanied by his wife.

The former president told Israeli Ambassador Ovadia Sofer that he is looking forward to his trip, during which he hopes to meet President Herzog, Premier Shamir, and opposition leaders.

Drug raid in Shlomi leads to arrest of 7

ACRE. — Two Lebanese and five Israelis have been arrested on suspicion of smuggling heroin from Lebanon after police raided a house during the weekend in the border town of Shlomi.

Police found 620 grams of heroin with a street value of \$22.5 million in the suspects' possession.

This is the second time that police have seized heroin smuggled from Lebanon. In the previous case they confiscated 400 grams of the drug.

4 killed, 231 hurt in week's accidents

Four persons, two of them elderly pedestrians, were killed last week in 147 traffic accidents around the country.

Another 73 persons were seriously injured, and 158 suffered light injuries. Of the injured, 62 were pedestrians, half of them minors. (JTA)



PLO terrorists loyal to Yasser Arafat walk jubilantly down a street in Tripoli yesterday after they claimed to have retaken Baddawi refugee camp from Syrian-backed rebels. (UPI telephoto)

U.S. holds ex-Nazi for extradition to Israel

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. officials arrested John Demjanjuk in Cleveland, Ohio on Friday for extradition to Israel, where he has been charged with murdering thousands of Jews while serving as a guard at the Nazi death camp in Treblinka during World War II.

The Justice Department spokesman John Russell said it was the first time U.S. authorities have ever arrested an alleged Nazi war criminal for extradition to Israel.

He said Demjanjuk, 63, was arrested in his home by U.S. marshals, immigration officers and an attorney from the Justice Department's office of special investigations, which is charged with tracking down Nazi war criminals in the U.S.

The impending extradition was

reported in last Wednesday's Jerusalem Post.

Last week, Israel formally requested that the U.S. surrender Demjanjuk so that he could be extradited to stand trial. Israel has had a law for prosecution of Nazi war crimes since 1950.

The Justice Department said the arrest was made in compliance with the extradition treaty between Israel and the U.S.

On June 23, 1981, U.S. District Judge Frank Battisti in Cleveland stripped Demjanjuk of U.S. citizenship, which he had obtained in 1958, on ground that he had concealed his work for the Nazi SS at the death camp when he was admitted to the U.S. in 1952 and when he

applied for citizenship.

In Paris, Justice Minister Robert Badinter was quoted on Thursday as saying that Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie will not go on trial for "crimes against humanity" until early 1985 "at the earliest."

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Los Angeles Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said Badinter gave this information during a meeting to discuss progress in the case, at which Hier said the centre will have observer status.

"The minister told us this because of the full use of legal delaying tactics by Barbie's lawyer Jacques Vergès," he did not expect the trial could be held next year, Hier said.

Congress okays \$8.5b. rise in U.S. contribution to IMF

WASHINGTON (AP). — Congress on Friday approved an increase of \$8.5 billion in the U.S. contribution to the International Monetary Fund, as members rushed to complete work before ending the 1983 session.

Many countries have been waiting for a U.S. decision before making up a pool expected to total \$42b.

The House of Representatives voted 226-186 to approve the measure.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said President Reagan will sign the compromise legislation, which had been hammered out in weeks of negotiations between ad-

ministration and congressional officials. "We want the IMF funding, we'll accept it," Speakes said.

The bill says that the U.S. representative on the fund's board of executive directors must vote against any loan to South Africa or to "communist dictatorships" unless a series of conditions is fulfilled.

The conditions require that his superior, the secretary of the Treasury, be ready to tell Congress 21 days before the vote that the money will reduce the restrictions in that country against the free movement of its citizens and capital, and benefit a majority of the people in the country.

Prisoner's death due to 'natural causes'

TEL AVIV (JTA). — The death on Wednesday of Ishak Musa Mar-jayah, brother of PLO rebel leader Abu Musa, was due to natural causes, Dr. Bezael Bloch, head of the forensic medicine institute, said on Friday.

Marjajah, 42, who had served 12 years of a 20-year term for security

offences, was taken to the prison clinic in great pain.

He lost consciousness and was transferred to Soroka Hospital where he was pronounced dead a half-hour later after unsuccessful attempts to revive him.

After a request by police, an autopsy was performed.

ARAFAT

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have been battling for control of the camp, three kilometres north of Tripoli.

The Palestine Liberation Organization chairman said on Friday that his men were able to improve their positions in a large area inside Baddawi after heavy fighting. But rebel spokesman Mahmoud Labadi said in Damascus yesterday that the dissidents were in full control of the camp, a maze of low concrete buildings.

The pro-Arafat news agency WAFSA said loyalist fighters repulsed a two-pronged rebel advance. The rebels, backed by infantry and armoured vehicles, tried to advance along the coastal road towards Baddawi village and the Mankoubin quarter southwest of Baddawi camp, but were forced to retreat, leaving behind two damaged vehicles and a tank, WAFSA said.

The fighting came as a surprise, after many military observers had considered the Arafat loyalists defeated by the superior weapons and numbers of the Syrian-backed dissidents.

Arafat has ignored appeals by Tripoli's political and factional leaders to quit in spite of an earlier

pledge to spare the city of half a million inhabitants from further bloodshed.

Arafat's spokesman, Ahmed Abdel-Rahman, explained the PLO chairman's position by saying that individual leaders had asked Arafat to leave the city, but "the forces in Tripoli did not demand that from us."

The city's elder statesman, former premier Rashid Karami, as well as the city mayor have called on Arafat to leave. But the Palestinian leader is backed by Tripoli's dominant armed group, the Moslem fundamentalist Islamic Unification Movement.

The rebels yesterday called on the movement's leader, Sheikh Sa'id Shabaan, to join them.

Arafat's men have placed heavy weapons in the port area and in the orange groves to the north, drawing retaliatory attacks from rebel gunners in nearby hills and from Syrian positions south of the city.

But so far there have been only isolated incidents of fighting inside the city itself.

Arafat's morale was boosted when Palestinian refugees in the rebel-held Nahr al-Bared refugee camp, 17 kilometres northeast of Tripoli, staged a massive demonstration in his support and smashed rebel vehicles on Friday.

Senate backs Falashas

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The Senate on Thursday expressed concern for the fate of Ethiopian Jews and passed a resolution calling on President Reagan to help them emigrate.

Shamir to address Ben-Gurion memorial

Prime Minister Shamir will be the main speaker at the state memorial ceremony marking the tenth anniversary of the death of David Ben-Gurion on Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Jerusalem Theatre.

Also speaking at the ceremony will be minister-without-portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat, World Zionist Organization chairman Arye Dulin and MK Mordechai Gur (Labor).

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RESTRICTIONS. — The Jordanian government has announced new exit-visa requirements for Jordanians travelling to Syria, following the discovery of several time-bombs in Amman since November 9.

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Ata to close unless Patt comes through

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The board of directors of the Ata textile concern has authorized management to take whatever steps it considers necessary, including closing the firm, to survive.

The authorization means that should management in the coming week decide that there is no hope for the firm's future, it can instantly close the firm.

The decision was taken after he board, which met on Friday, was given a report on the deteriorating state of the company.

In the hope that the shut-down can yet be averted and that a recovery plan could be initiated, he board asked Ata's general manager, David Abbel, to renew his contract, which expires at the end of December, or to at least stay on until the crisis is over and the firm's recovery plan is completed.

In the meantime there was still no word from industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt, who has

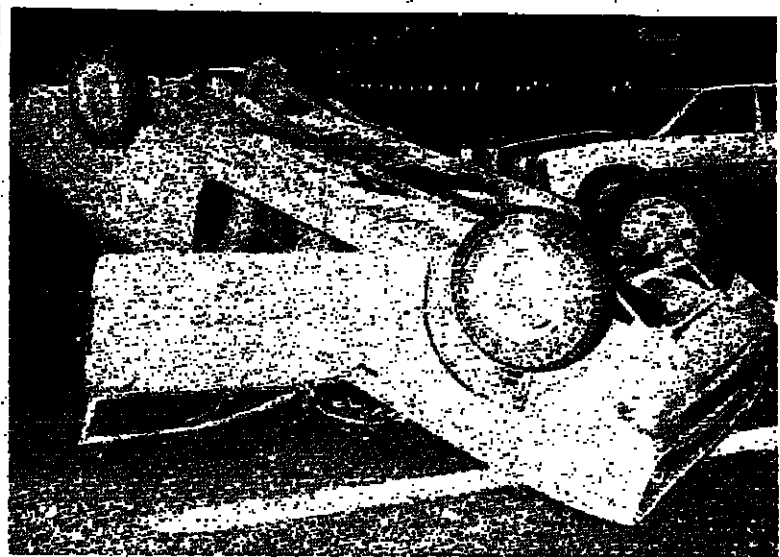
promised he will provide a solution to the company's financial crisis by today.

Solomonov said the company has re-checked its cotton stocks and found there is enough to last only until tomorrow morning. If government aid is not forthcoming by then, there will be no money to buy any more and the company's factories, employing over 280 in Haifa and the north, would find a halt, he said.

The lack of government action is causing deep concern among Ata's workers, who have been buoyed by Patt's pledge to keep the firm open.

Works committee chairman Pinhas Groobel, a night-shift staff at Ata's plant in Stryat Ata last night to discuss the situation. He said Ata would wait until cotton stocks run out and it becomes clear that government aid is not forthcoming. "When that happens we shall take action," he said.

Union representatives of the country's 60,000 textile workers have pledged to walk out in sympathy if Ata is closed.



A car lies bottoms-up after flying 10 metres through the air in an accident on Thursday night at the Mesubin Junction near Tel Aviv. Six persons were injured. (Elihu Harati)

Tear gas was used against rioting women prisoners

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tear gas was employed recently to repress a riot at the Neve Tirza women's prison after library privileges were withdrawn from inmates there in an attempt to break a strike.

The Jerusalem Post learned details of the riot as news of another prison protest — by security prisoners in Hebron — was reported on Friday.

The riot by 32 women security prisoners broke out at 8:30 p.m. on October 31, after the Prison Service decided to remove the library as yet another reduction in privileges for the inmates, who have been on a strike for the last six months.

The prisoners — held for terms ranging from a year to life — have been refusing to do the work that by law the prison authorities may impose on them. The tasks range from custodial duties in their wards to

more sophisticated work in workshops at the nearby Ramle prison. According to prison sources, the women say they do not want "to work for the Zionists."

As a first response, the authorities reduced visiting privileges from bi-weekly to bi-monthly. When that did not break the strike, they began reducing other privileges, including access to newspapers and television, cigarettes, and finally the library.

Prison Service spokesman Shimon Malka said during the weekend that the rights and duties of security prisoners have been equalized with those of other convicts. He called prison "a place of discipline, where one has duties as well as privileges," and said that by law the prisoners must do some sort of work while serving time.

In Israel, they receive the minimum wage for all work done behind bars, as compared with countries such as

Theatres expect to be hit by cuts

By MARSHA POMERANTZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Managers of five of the country's major theatres are up in arms over reports that government support for their productions will be slashed in the Education and Culture Ministry budget. The theatres — Habimah, Cameri, Haifa, the Jerusalem Khan and Beersheba — get up to 50% of their budgets from the state.

Cuts in the ministry's budget are to be made this week, but even before the slash, the picture looks dim for subsidies to the arts.

A large portion of the budget is practically "untouchable," according to the ministry spokesman, who said that 87 per cent of the IS\$5 billion total goes for salaries to cover 1.5 million teaching hours a

year. Since there were large cuts in teaching hours in recent years, the Education and Finance ministers have agreed that the current cut — IS\$600m. — will be made elsewhere.

"Elsewhere" means the 13 per cent of the budget that goes to support informal education, community centres, theatre, dance, music, museums, archeology and sports activities.

The Cameri, Tel Aviv's municipal theatre, has already announced that it is cutting short the runs of three of its successful carryovers from last year — *Sweeney Todd*, *The Suitcase* and *Caucasian Chalk Circle* — to cut the number of actors on its payroll by about half.

There have been some reports that the relatively few hours

devoted to music and art in school will be cut. Tel Aviv Museum last week distributed a protest statement about this signed by 16 of the country's leading musicians and music educators.

Even now, they wrote, there is far too little music in public schools, and the country's conservatories do not get enough state support. Any further cuts would lead to "dehumanization of education in Israel," they said. Among the signers was Ben-Zion Orgad, who is in charge of music education at the ministry.

The Education Ministry spokesman insists that no teaching hours are being cut this year — including the one weekly hour of music.

Universities to talk again with Treasury

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A meeting on the university crisis is to take place early this week between Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad and the heads of the Planning and Grants Committee of the Council for Higher Education, Prof. Haim Harari.

Delayed allocations from the Treasury have forced the universities to borrow billions of shekels from banks and to delay payments to the income-tax authorities.

A solution to their budget crisis is found at the meeting between Cohen-Orgad and Harari. Heads of the universities say they will meet on Wednesday with the council to prepare for closing the universities.

Representatives of the council and the Treasury met on Friday with student leaders to discuss raising tuition fees. The students again rejected the Treasury's demand that fees be raised this year. The parties are to meet again on Thursday.

Coalition formed in Beersheba city council

BEERSHEBA (Itim) — A city council here will be run by a coalition consisting of Mayor Elihu Shulz, the Eshel party (six members), the Eshel party (two members), Agudat Israel (two members) and Mapam (one member).

The coalition, formed late last week, excludes the Labor party members at the three (four representatives). Two religious party representatives are discussing the possibility of joining the coalition.

Should these two agree to join, the coalition would have the support of 13 members, facing an opposition of eight.

Drunken soldier held in shooting incident

TEL AVIV (Itim) — Police detained a 41-year-old reserve soldier here on Friday night after he allegedly fired shots in the air outside a restaurant on Rehov Dizengoff.

Police said the man, a member of a kibbutz in the south, arrived at the restaurant drunk, began to cause a disturbance and threatened people with his gun. He then left the restaurant where he is said to have fired three shots in the air.

The man was overpowered by restaurant patrons and passed by who handed him over to police summoned to the scene.

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

PROFESSOR Arnon Dar wants the premier and defence minister, on their forthcoming visit to Washington, to do something about "one of the grave mistakes of the Camp David agreements — Israel's failure to get a U.S. assurance to supply nuclear power plants to replace the oil we gave up in Sinai."

The Technion physicist considers it a matter for serious concern that the issue of nuclear power has again been relegated to the backburner, forcing the Israel Electric Corporation to go ahead and plan more coal-fired plants to meet future electricity needs.

Professor calls for action on nuclear power

What we need is a determined government decision to go ahead with nuclear power, he says. "The obstacles can be overcome. What we don't need is more committees and sub-committees to study the subject. They are little more than an excuse to take no action."

"There is no real obstacle if we want to go ahead," he adds. Several steps are vital, he says, for getting the project started.

The U.S. is withholding from supplying nuclear plants to Israel, because we have not signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). Israel should, Dar says, declare its willingness to sign the NPT, but allow inspection only

when the first plant is completed, which will take about ten years. That would leave the government many options and would not harm security.

Dar notes that Defence Minister Moshe Arens has gone on record as a strong advocate of nuclear power, and Yitzhak Shamir, in his capacity as foreign minister, should be interested in the public relations advantage to be gained should Israel agree to sign the NPT. The present warmth in relations with the U.S. would make these negotiations easier, he believes.

DAR ARGUES that the Med-Dead Sea Canal project should be scrap-

ped forthwith, as merely keeping it alive diverts attention from Israel's real need — nuclear power. He considers the project a "technological adventure," whose worth has not been proved, and believes at best it would provide one-third of the power generated by the Hadera plant, with big losses in long-distance transmission, and costing about as much as a nuclear power plant would. Israel could not afford both projects, he says, financially or in terms of manpower.

"Nuclear power is as important as the Lavie fighter project" to Israel's future, he says. The safety of nuclear plants has been more than demonstrated world-wide, he says.

For a real disaster to occur, there would have to be a combination of so many things going wrong at the same time, that the chances are virtually nil," Dar stresses.

"Danger is relative, and we must consider whether refraining from building a nuclear plant will not be worse for Israel in the long run," he says, as without it, the country would be "forced to continue putting all its energy eggs into the single basket of oil and coal fuel, which we must buy in far distant countries."

Israel should go ahead at once with nuclear power, he says, and stop toying with the idea of building the plant ourselves.

Public places to be smoke-free early next year

By HENRY E. BAKER

ANY SMOKERS will have to make considerable changes in their habits when the Restriction on Smoking in Public Places Law, 13-1983, comes into force. That is based on a draft prepared by the Attorney General and Uri Sabbag, passed by the Knesset on July 11 but it will not come into force until February 1, 1984, thus giving members of the public time to familiarize themselves with its provisions and those concerned to make the necessary arrangements to ensure compliance with it.

No person may smoke, or hold a lit cigarette, cigarillo, cigar, pipe, or any other smoking device, in any "public place," that place specified in the Schedule to the Law. That Schedule may be made by an order made by the Minister of Health with the approval of the Labour and Welfare Committee of the Knesset. Any person contravening any of these provisions will be liable to a fine of 300.

The places specified in the schedule are as follows: A closed hall which generally serves as a cinema, theatre, concert hall, or dance hall, and all which serves as a meeting place of the public for the purpose of lecture or discussion, (apart from the corridors and entrance hall which have been allotted as places in which smoking will be permitted) when there are people there, except when the public has no right of entry thereto, either upon payment or without payment.

2. Any part of a building of a hospital or clinic, other than places allotted by the management in which smoking will be permitted, provided that they are not rooms intended for hospitalization, treatment or examinations.

3. The part of a pharmacy which is open to the public.

4. A reading hall, or reading room, of a library open to the public, other than places allotted by the management in which smoking is permitted.

5. Any place in a building which serves as an institution for education or higher learning, other than a place which serves as a library or discussion rooms which the management of the institution may allot as a place in which smoking will be permitted.

6. A lift for carrying persons.

7. An omnibus. This is defined as a vehicle intended for carrying eight, or more, persons in addition to the driver.

8. A taxi and a minibus, both defined as a motor vehicle intended for carrying up to seven persons in addition to the driver and described in the vehicle licence as either a taxi or a minibus.

THE PERSON, including the State,

actually occupying a public place, other than a lift for carrying persons in a dwelling house, must affix therein signs indicating that smoking is prohibited, and maintain them in good condition.

The manufacturer, or importer, of a lift intended for carrying persons in a dwelling house must affix in it, before it is put into use, a sign indicating that smoking in the lift is prohibited. The Minister of Health must prescribe by regulations directions as regards the form of the signs, their number, size and contents; how, and where, they are to be affixed; and the duty to light them up.

Any person contravening any of those provisions will be liable to a fine of IS10,000. If the offence is committed by a body of persons, any person who, at the time of its commission, was an active director, a partner, or a senior employee, who is responsible for the matter in question, will also be guilty of the offence unless he proves that it was committed without his knowledge and that he took all reasonable measures for ensuring compliance with those provisions.

WITHIN the area of a local authority, other than a regional council, in which there are more than five cinemas, there may be one cinema in which a part has been allotted as a place in which the

prohibition of smoking during the screening of a film will not apply. The council of the local authority must fix such a cinema from among the occupiers of the cinemas in accordance with such rules, and for such period, as are prescribed by the Minister of Health. The actual occupier of the cinema must affix at its entrance a notice regarding the permit for smoking in a part of it which has been allotted for that purpose.

A police officer and an employee of a local authority authorized by its head for the purposes of the Law may enter any public place at any reasonable time in order to ascertain whether the provisions of the Law and the regulations made under it have been complied with. But he may not enter any of the places specified in paragraphs 2, 4, 5 and 6 of the Schedule, unless he has given the occupier of the place, or someone who works there, prior notice of his intention to do so.

IF A PERSON smokes, or holds a lit cigarette, cigarillo, cigar, pipe in a public place in the sight of such an authorized employee or an attendant, the employee or attendant may require him to identify himself. If he refuses to do so, he may detain him in that place until a police officer arrives, but not longer than one hour.

For the purposes of those provisions, an attendant is defined as a person whom the owner, or actual

occupier, of a place specified in paragraphs 1, 2, 4 or 5 of the Schedule has appointed to be an attendant in that place and who wears a conspicuous badge which evidences his duty and exhibits a certificate of his appointment as an attendant.

A driver of a vehicle in which smoking is prohibited may prohibit the entry of a person who is smoking, or holding a lit cigarette, etc. If a person smokes in such a vehicle, or holds in it a lit cigarette, cigarillo, cigar or pipe, in the sight of the driver, the driver must require him to identify himself. If he refuses to do so, the driver may detain him in the vehicle until a police officer arrives, but not longer than one hour, and he may drive him in the vehicle to the nearest police station.

The Minister of Health is charged with the implementation of the Law and he may, with the approval of the Labour and Welfare Committee of the Knesset, make regulations for its implementation.

Correction
In the article "Deception in Kashrut" by Henry E. Baker in the issue of November 14, the last paragraph of the first section should have read: The Law was passed by the Knesset after it had rejected all the proposed amendments of the draft which was prepared by the Committee.



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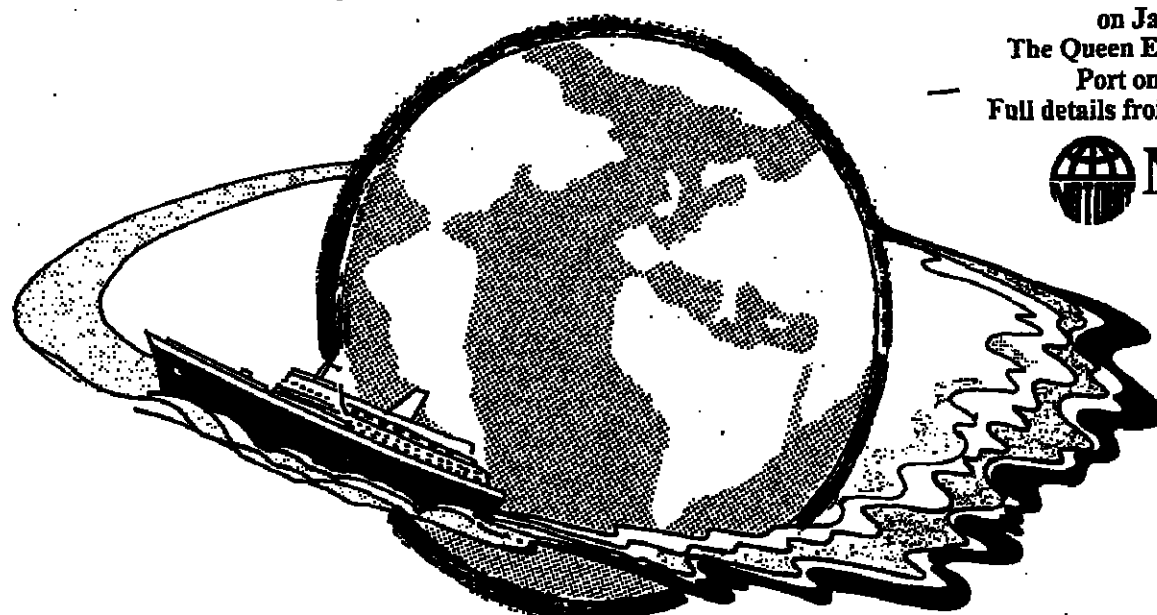
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Soviet denies softening stand on U.S. missiles

MOSCOW. — The Soviet Union paid tribute to its missile units yesterday with a series of toughly worded articles showing no sign of any readiness to compromise at the Geneva talks on medium-range nuclear weapons.

To mark the "Day of Missile and Artillery Forces," military chiefs fiercely denounced the U.S. attitude towards the negotiations, and said Washington is determined to deploy new missiles in Europe at all costs.

Reiterating warnings that Moscow would station new rockets in Eastern Europe in response, they said that Soviet missile forces are being equipped with sophisticated new weaponry to carry out their "duty to defend the motherland."

The articles, published in the main national dailies, stated Moscow's formal bargaining position at Geneva and gave no indication that it is prepared to soften its present demands.

U.S. and West German officials have said that the Kremlin informally offered to drop demands for the inclusion of French and British nuclear arsenals at the talks, and offered to reduce the number of its SS-20 missiles in Europe from 243 to 120.

The official news agency TASS denied this on Friday night and said Moscow would not get back on its "legitimate demands" to see the

French and British missiles listed in the tally.

A major policy statement by Defence Minister Dmitri Ustinov in the Communist Party daily *Pravda* yesterday also took a stern line on the issue and said an accord is possible only if all NATO's European nuclear forces are taken into account.

Pravda yesterday attacked West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who first stated that Moscow had made the informal new proposal at the Geneva talks. It said Kohl had introduced absurd arguments about the need for new U.S. weapons.

In Cologne yesterday, West Germany's opposition Social Democratic Party voted overwhelmingly to reject the deployment of new U.S. nuclear missiles. The party approved a resolution rejecting the missiles and urging continued arms control negotiations between the superpowers in Geneva.

But the opposition party lacks the votes to override Kohl's right-centre coalition in a parliamentary vote this week on stationing the missiles in West Germany.

Of more than 400 delegates at the Social Democrats' congress, only 14 voted against the proposal, including former chancellor Helmut Schmidt. Three others abstained. (Reuters, AP)

U.S. government wary about effects of anti-nuke TV film

WASHINGTON (AP). — The administration is apprehensive about how Americans will react to a powerful television movie depicting nuclear war devastation. It says it is safer to be strong militarily while pursuing arms negotiations than to disarm or to freeze atomic arsenals.

ABC-TV's *The Day After* scheduled for broadcast today, graphically shows the horrors of nuclear war and offers no hope for survivors. Anti-nuclear groups are using the movie as a focal point for fund-raising and membership drives.

One of President Reagan's aides called the film "potentially the most emotionally powerful thing ever shown on American television."

"I am not saying we welcome this film," said David Gergen, the White House director of communications. Robert Sims, a White House spokesman on national security matters, said the administration is gearing up to emphasize its efforts to prevent nuclear war.

"Anything that is as graphic and emotionally disturbing as that film is, which is likely to be seen by 75 million Americans or something like that, is not something that you would choose to ignore," Sims said. Secretary of State George Shultz

will present the administration case in an ABC-TV interview immediately after the movie is aired.

Two U.S. Congressmen have introduced a resolution calling on the government and ABC to make the movie available for showing on television in the Soviet Union.

Representatives Dan Glickman and Elliott Levitas introduced the resolution on Thursday. Even if passed, the measure would have no binding effect, but would simply express a collective Congressional opinion.

The film portrays the effects of a nuclear bomb that explodes in Kansas City, Missouri and what happens to survivors in Lawrence, Kansas, about 40 miles to the west.

West German parliamentarians were invited to a special showing of the film in Bonn on Thursday. Few came, and those who did said it would not change their votes on missile deployment.

The opposition Social Democrats arranged the showing just days before the German Bundestag is to vote on NATO's plans to deploy new nuclear missiles in Western Europe. The public was not invited.

Congress recesses until '84

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. Congress quit for the year on Friday after brushing aside last-minute efforts to raise taxes and to trim the government's soaring deficits. But leaders of both the House of Representatives and the Senate pronounced the 1983 session one of the most productive in years.

"We ended this session on a note of cooperation," House majority leader Jim Wright told President Ronald Reagan.

The wrap-up of the first session of the 98th Congress produced the usual late flurry of action, raising

the nation's borrowing power by \$101 billion to \$1.49 trillion, approving a catch-all spending bill that includes a hike in contributions to the International Monetary Fund, confirming Reagan's nomination of former national security adviser William Clark to succeed James Watt as interior secretary, and voting overwhelmingly for a record \$249.8b. military spending bill that includes funds for installation of the nation's first round of MX missiles and the B-1 bomber — but rejecting the administration's request for nerve-gas production.

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Newly crowned Miss World, Sarah Jane Hutt of the United Kingdom, is flanked after the contest Thursday night by runner-up Rocio Loma Florez of Colombia (left) and Catia Silveira of Brazil. (UPI telephoto)

19-year-old Briton is new Miss World

LONDON (AP). — Britain's Sarah Jane Hutt, a slender, 19-year-old, brown-eyed brunette, started her one-year reign as the new Miss World early Friday with a triumphant entry at the coronation ball after congratulations from Princess Margaret.

Colombia's contender Rocio Florez, an 18-year-old medical student, came second in the Miss World contest held at London's Royal Albert Hall on Thursday night.

Brazil's Catia Pedrosa, 20, a psychology student, was third.

The four other contestants among the top seven finalists were from the U.S., Jamaica, Panama and Iceland. Israel's Ifat Schechter was proclaimed Beauty Queen of Asia. Hutt, a fashion model, won £5,000 (\$8669,000) and a year-long £25,000 (\$3.3 million) contract with the Miss World organization to promote clothes, products and the Variety Club children's charity around the world.

Commandos free foreigners kidnapped in southern Sudan

KHARTOUM (AP). — Sudanese army commandos have freed 11 foreign workers and an undisclosed number of Sudanese nationals abducted by southern Sudanese rebels last Tuesday.

An army General-Command communiqué issued on Saturday said government troops were "in full control" of the situation in the restive southern provinces, where rebels opposed to the regime of pro-American President Ja'afar Nimeiri have mounted a series of attacks and abductions over the past year.

The communiqué said troops were mopping up "to crush remnants of the rebels." This indicated there were still pockets of resistance by the rebels, who reportedly are backed by neighbouring pro-Soviet Libya and Ethiopia.

The communiqué, carried by the official Sudan News Agency, said seven Frenchmen, two Pakistanis and a number of Sudanese hostages were freed on Friday night after army commandos raided rebel posi-

tions in the upper Nile province area of Kongor, about 960 km south of Khartoum.

The French and Pakistanis were employees of a French firm working on the Jonglei Canal project to divert Nile River water for irrigation. Kongor is located near the site of the project.

On Thursday night, army commandos struck at a rebel base near the town of Bantui, 760 km south of Khartoum and released two Britons also abducted on Tuesday by another group of rebels.

The Britons were employed by the U.S. Chevron Oil Company operating in the south.

The government blamed the twin kidnappings and a rebel attack in the Nasir area near the south-eastern border with Ethiopia on the previously unheard of "Liberation Army of the Sudanese People." The Nasir attack was immediately foiled by army troops early on Thursday, according to military communiques.

Argentina can build A-bomb

BUENOS AIRES (AP). — Argentina has developed an independent capacity to enrich uranium, joining a select group of nations with advanced nuclear technology, the president of the National Atomic Energy Commission reported on Friday.

Commission president Admiral Carlos Castro Madero termed the matter one of "transcendental relevance." Such an enrichment capacity was previously limited to the U.S., Canada, the Soviet Union, China, Britain, France, West Germany and Holland.

Castro Madero reiterated the

commission's position that the Argentine nuclear programme would serve only "the peaceful uses of nuclear energy."

Argentina, Latin America's leader in nuclear technology, has two nuclear-power plants, constructs its own natural uranium fuel elements for those reactors and is building a plant for the reprocessing of spent fuel into plutonium.

Atomic weapons require either plutonium or extremely enriched uranium. Castro Madero has said Argentina is capable of building an atomic bomb, but has no intention of doing so.

Kabul city guard force formed

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP). — Afghanistan's state-run radio yesterday announced the creation of a "city guard force" to maintain law and order in the Afghan capital, which observers here said was a virtual admission that security in Kabul is poor.

The radio said the city guard force comprised members of the National Fatherland Front Organization, a faction of the ruling People's NBQ Party of Afghanistan.

The broadcast monitored here was in the Pushtu language.

It said night patrols by city guards were established to "check subversive activities of counter-revolutionaries."

"Radio Kabul did not give any indication of the size of the force or say whether members have the same wide-ranging search-and-arrest powers of Afghan militia squads or secret police units."



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PUBLIC STATEMENT

The Israel Interfaith Association is shocked and dismayed at recent statements questioning the rights and status of the Arab population of Israel.

We wish to affirm our conviction that such expressions are a direct contradiction of the fundamental principles on which the State of Israel is founded, as expressed in its Declaration of Independence. They also flagrantly violate the moral and humanitarian heritage to which we all subscribe.

We call on our legislators to ensure that all such expressions of racial or religious incitement against any section of the population be made a punishable offence, and to initiate legislation that will outlaw all such forms of incitement.

We call on our law enforcement agencies and the courts to ensure that all guilty of such incitement are duly punished. We call on all educators to ensure that the younger generation in our country is raised in a spirit of tolerance and understanding of others.

We have been encouraged by official condemnations of these recent manifestations, and hope that the government will pursue a rigorous policy to ensure that this evil be uprooted from our midst.

UN: Turkish-Cypriot state 'invalid'

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — The Security Council on Friday ruled that the self-proclaimed Turkish-Cypriot Republic was "legally invalid" and called for its scrapping.

The vote was 13-1 with one abstention. Pakistan cast the only negative vote, and Jordan abstained. Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş served notice before the vote that he would ignore the council's resolution, which he said had "no moral or legal value and cannot be implemented."

"The Security Council cannot take away the right of self-determination from a people who have expressed it," Denktaş told reporters. There are 120,000 Turkish Cypriots and 500,000 ethnic Greeks on Cyprus.

In the British-sponsored resolution, the Security Council deplored the secession and said it considered the Turkish Cypriots' four-day-old declaration of independence "legally invalid and calls for its withdrawal." The council called on all states "not to recognize any

Cypriot state other than the republic "infringing the all-Greek-Cypriot government of President Spyros Kyprianou of Cyprus."

The Kyprianou government requested the council meeting. On Thursday, Cyprus Foreign Minister George Iacovou, held Turkey "solely responsible" for the Turkish-Cypriot action. He called the Turkish-Cypriot leadership "a puppet, wholly controlled by Turkey," whose troops have occupied the northern part of the island since 1974.

Denktaş intently challenged the legality of the Kyprianou government, which he dismissed as the "Greek-Cypriot wing" on Cyprus. He offered several concessions as "goodwill" gestures to facilitate a resumption of intercommunal talks under UN auspices. Those talks were broken off in May after nine years of inconclusive and intermittent negotiations.

The Cypriot foreign minister indicated that Greek Cypriots were not prepared to resume intercom-

munal peace talks until the Turkish Cypriots withdrew their declaration of independence. That, he said, would "open the road to a just settlement of the Cyprus problem."

After the council adjourned, Kyprianou met with Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar and later told reporters he would tell the secretary-general again today "to discuss what should be done next with a view to reversing what has happened."

Meanwhile, the White House announced Friday that President Reagan will meet tomorrow with Kyprianou.

In Athens, Premier Andreas Papandreu on Friday called on all Cypriot members to condemn the Turkish-Cypriot declaration, a government announcement said. Wednesday, Papandreu sent Deputy Foreign Minister Carlos Papadimitriou to Ankara to support for Greece's opposition to the Turkish-Cypriot state. Arab countries have so far been very slow to react to the Turkish-Cypriot move.

China protests U.S. Senate's proposed Taiwan resolution

PEKING (AP). — China delivered a stinging protest Friday night against a proposed U.S. Senate resolution calling for Taiwan's future to be "settled peacefully, free of coercion, and in a manner acceptable to the people of Taiwan and consistent with the Taiwan Relations Act enacted by Congress and the communiques entered into between the U.S. and the People's Republic of China."

The note said, "The Chinese government strongly urges the U.S. government to immediately take effective measures to prevent further aggravation of the situation. The Chinese government expects an explicit reply from the U.S. government."

It said the committee's approval of the resolution on Tuesday came at a time when "Sino-U.S. relations have just begun to turn for the better."

Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang is scheduled to visit the U.S. in January and President Reagan is to come here in April. A group led by Michael Deaver, deputy White House chief of staff, is now in China preparing for that visit.

China's note said Taiwan, set of the rival nationalist government, is an inalienable part of China's territory and "it is entirely China's internal affair as to how the 'Taiwan question' should be resolved and the reunification of the motherland achieved, and no foreign country has the right to interfere."

Although Washington broke official links with Taipei in 1979 to establish diplomatic relations with Peking, it sells arms to the island. China protests that it treats Taiwan as an independent political entity.

Meanwhile, the official English-language *China Daily* said on Friday that Reagan's recent visit to South Korea "bodes ill indeed, coming as it did from one who was fresh from masterminding an invasion of the tiny Caribbean country of Grenada."

Despite a 1975 UN resolution calling for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea, the newspaper said, "the Americans have been the only foreign troops there for a quarter of a century since the last detachment of the Chinese People's volunteers pulled out in 1958."

Chile's opposition counts one million at protest rally

SANTIAGO (AP). — Hundreds of thousands of chanting demonstrators marched on Friday to a rally called to protest against the 10-year-old military regime of Chilean President Augusto Pinochet.

The marchers jammed into a huge open space in a city park and spilled onto a concrete grandstand used in the past for military parades.

Some shouted "Freedom" and "The Government Will Fall." Others carried signs saying "Free Chile" and "Democracy Now," and chanted slogans critical of Pinochet and the secret police.

As a police helicopter flew overhead, the crowd yelled out in unison, "Murderers, Murderers."

Organizers of the event, representing technically illegal political parties from the right, centre and non-Marxist left, called the rally "historic" and said it was the largest ever against the regime.

They estimated the attendance at one million people, a quarter of the Chilean capital's population.

National police troops on guard

in and around the rally site watched impassively as the demonstrators flowed in.

Earlier, the sponsors had accused the government of mounting a "hysterical and desperate" scare campaign to keep citizens away.

"Tonight we are united to say 'Enough. We want democracy,'" said Enrique Silva Cimma, president of the political coalition known as Democratic Alliance, and the rally's only speaker.

Amid cheers and applause, Silva Cimma sharply criticized the government for its political and economic policies. "For almost two years the country has been paralyzed. More than a million people are without steady employment, 120,000 farm families have no access to land... and are living in shacks. Last year alone, 140,000 people lost their jobs in industry," he said.

Silva Cimma called for an end to torture, disbanding of the secret police and rejection of a new law that gives mining concessions to foreign companies.

Franco-Soviet talks on Middle East

MOSCOW (AP). — Two senior French diplomats held talks on Friday with Soviet counterparts on the Middle East. Both sides agreed that the situation in Lebanon "is becoming more and more dangerous and may have serious consequences," Tass said yesterday.

The official Soviet news agency said both the Soviets and French agreed that such consultations "serve the better understanding of each other's position" but it was not clear if further talks were scheduled.

France announced last Monday that its most senior Foreign Ministry official, Secretary-General Francis Guitmann, and Marc Bonafous, director of the Middle East and North African desk at the

ministry, would travel to Moscow for the talks with First Deputy Foreign Minister Georgi Kornienko.

A ministry spokesman said without elaboration that the meeting took place "at the invitation and initiative of the Soviet Union."

The meeting was arranged before French jets bombed Shia positions in Lebanon last Thursday. The attack drew strong condemnation from the Soviet Union yesterday, which charged that such raids were a prelude to expanded NATO military activity in the Middle East.

CONFIRMED. — The U.S. Senate on Friday confirmed William Clark as Secretary of the Interior by a vote of 71-18.

Aquino's mother urges more protest

MALOS, Philippines (AP). — The mother of assassinated senator Benigno Aquino called for continued resistance to President Ferdinand Marcos' regime yesterday as she marched through this historic town where Filipinos set up a revolutionary government in 1948 after revolting against Spain.

Speaking at a church service before marching to an outdoor rally attended by 10,000 people, Mrs. Aquino, 73, said protest demonstrations would show Marcos "that we are disconcerted with the way the government is ruling us."

"We must make our protest known because if they continue the abuses they have been committing I am afraid we will have a bloody revolution."

While the Malolos demonstration was going on, about 3,000 people demonstrated in the Manila suburb of Tawag to protest the August assassination of Marcos's rival.

Meanwhile, the government announced yesterday that the Philippine Army has activated a special brigade to help police deal with civil disturbances or armed government guerrilla attacks in capital. The announcement said the brigade, named Mag (Prompt) was activated Wednesday and consists of six battalions.

Zimbabwe outlaws presidential parody

HARARE (AP). — Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe has now a law, according to a law published on Friday.

Violators of the new and Or Amendment Act could be jailed for five years and fined 1,000 Zimbabwean dollars (\$800).

The new law makes an effort to undermine the dignity of head of state, engendering "hostility" towards him or "hatred, contempt or ridicule" him.

U.S. and Soviet warships collide in Arabian Sea

WASHINGTON (AP). — The Navy will probably protest to the Soviet Navy because of a "collision" between warships in the Arabian Sea west of the Indian subcontinent — a collision which U.S. officers blame on the Soviet.

U.S. Navy officials said on Friday that they consider it prudent to head off any further such episode which a 1972 navy-to-navy agreement was designed to prevent.

The collision on Thursday between the U.S. destroyer *Ford* and the Soviet guided-missile cruiser *Razvishchik* was the first such incident since a Soviet missile ship hit a U.S. frigate in the Indian east of Greece in 1976, according to available records.

Both sides routinely shadow each other's naval units in the Middle East, the Indian Ocean, the South China Sea and elsewhere.

The *Ford* suffered only two minor "scuff marks" on its hull, U.S. Navy said, while the *Razvishchik* "did not sustain any parent damage."

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Syria threatens again

THERE IS apparently no limit to the sabre-rattling talk emanating from Damascus. The most recent official spokesman to have joined the choir of war-mongers in the Syrian capital is no other than the Syrian Defence Minister himself, General Mustafa Tlass. He had some interesting things to say in an interview published yesterday by the pro-Syrian Beirut magazine *Al-Kifah Al-Arabi*.

Apparently encouraged by the Soviet Union's massive re-arming of Syria's armed forces which has more than replenished their substantial losses, both in aircraft and in armour, suffered during last year's battles with Israel in Lebanon, Gen. Tlass has decided to take on both the U.S. and Israel in his war rhetoric. He threatened the U.S. with suicide attacks by Syrian air force pilots on American warships off the coast of Beirut, should U.S. warplanes attack Syrian targets, and he threatened Israel with some new 300-kilometre range missiles which could reach almost any target, including "Israel's nuclear reactor in the Negev." "Should Israel attack Damascus, you will see what will happen to Tel Aviv," Gen. Tlass added to his war threats.

But of even more immediate concern is the endorsement by Gen. Tlass of last month's truck-bomb attack on the U.S. Marines headquarters in Beirut which took the lives of 239 American servicemen. Lauding the suicide attack by what appears to have been a terrorist of the fanatic Islamic Amal militia, headed by Hussein Musawi, Gen. Tlass said that Syrian pilots would be prepared to carry out similar "heroic missions."

For some inexplicable reason, the Syrian defence minister failed to mention the simultaneous suicide attack last month on the French military base in Beirut in which 58 French paratroopers were killed. He also made no reference to Thursday's precision bombing by French Super-Etendard warplanes on Hussein Musawi's militia bases in the Baalbek area which is under de-facto Syrian rule. This latter omission is likely to have been caused by purely technical reasons, because the interview with Gen. Tlass probably took place prior to Thursday's French air force attack.

Be this as it may, the belligerent statements by Gen. Tlass will only serve to enhance the determination of U.S. President Ronald Reagan and French President Francois Mitterrand to maintain and even increase the American and French military presence in Lebanon. What is more, by his wild talk the Syrian defence minister may have provided Washington with a ready excuse to send U.S. air force planes into combat action against terrorist bases in Syrian-held northern Lebanon along the lines of last week's Israel and French air force raids.

Although in both these air force attacks nearby Syrian positions were deliberately avoided, a limit must be put to Syrian provocations, even if these are confined for the time being to belligerent rhetoric. For we have learned the hard way that Arab, and especially Syrian, war frenzy can easily escalate into military action.

Top-level Israeli spokesmen, including Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens, have made repeated efforts during recent weeks to cool the situation, whipped up by the war threats from Damascus, stating time and again that they do not see any immediate confrontation with Syria in the offing. But these attempts to reassure Damascus that Israel has no designs against its northern neighbour should certainly not be taken as a sign of weakness.

Lovers must realize that if they want to prevent another all-out confrontation with Israel, they will have to show restraint both in words and in deeds.

THERE IS a prevailing tendency in the West to regard as mere rhetoric much of what appears in print in the USSR. As reasonable men and women, we in the West assume that everybody else is equally reasonable. To the extent that the Soviets seem to get carried away by extravagant notions and hyperbolic phrases, we usually play down the significance of their utterances. We tell ourselves that deviating from accepted standards of verbal communication is bad form, but surely nobody can possibly take the substance seriously.

It is high time that we paid more heed to what is grist to the mill of Soviet propaganda, particularly when certain catchwords and slogans are reiterated *ad nauseam* over a long period of time. It must be realized that, more than 65 years after the October revolution, the Soviets are so immersed in their own dogma that they may no longer be able to extricate themselves from their twisted dialectics. Indeed, there is no reason to doubt that they take themselves seriously and, if for no other reason, we must be more attentive.

One of the articles of faith in the USSR, expressed again and again in all the Soviet media, is that the Western world is dominated by a financial oligarchy of monopolistic capital. Soviet publicists concede that there are several competing "cliques" within the capitalist system, each doing its utmost to maximize its relative economic power. But taken as a whole, the preponderant factor in Western affairs, as seen by the Soviets, is the all-powerful economic oligarchy.

When the Soviets castigate multinational corporations, when they give vent to splanetic attacks on the Western military-industrial complex, when they denounce arms factories and banking interests as "ultra-reactionary circles of imperialism," they are attacking essentially the

The perils of propaganda

By YORAM DINSTEIN

same target. Moreover, since it is a basic tenet of Marxist doctrine that economic power is also the real source of political power, the Soviets believe that the business magnates who make the wheels of capital go round are omnipotent in political terms as well.

HERE, PERHAPS, is the rub. Karl Marx contended that the basic economic framework of society determines its political superstructure. According to Marx, it is a fallacy to suppose that politicians are free agents: what they do is dictated by class interests. The Soviets have carried this argument further by presenting Western politicians as errand-boys for the plutocrats who are really calling the shots.

When a former Hollywood actor was elected president of the United States, the Soviets were not necessarily surprised. In a sense, every Western politician is viewed by them as an actor who is only playing a role on the basis of a script written by others.

It may be argued that this Soviet flight of fancy is of no real import. But in fact, seen in this perspective, the picture of the West which unfolds before Soviet eyes is not unlike an immense puppet show. What one observes is the marionettes who purport to move about freely or to be engaged in spontaneous discourse. In reality the sounds they emit are not their own, and they are

manipulated from above by those pulling the strings.

When the show is over, is there any point in conversing with the marionettes, let alone negotiating or concluding agreements with them? Surely, in real life one must somehow ignore the facade and deal directly with those who are the real decision-makers.

Indeed, on many occasions the Soviets have demonstrated a propensity to conduct high-level negotiations and to strike deals with captains of industry and big business, irrespective of public remonstrances against capitalists exploiting the proletariat. If the Soviets do not act in this fashion more often, it is because their picture of the Western world is increasingly warped by anti-Semitism. In other words, the certainty that the West is dominated by big business is now tainted by another belief: that Western economy has fallen into the hands of a Jewish-Zionist clique.

IN THE LAST decade or so, dozens of books have been published in the USSR, hundreds of articles have appeared in print, numerous television and radio programmes have been broadcast, many pamphlets have been circulated, with one clear-cut message: the dominant Western monopolies are governed by Jews who are using them as tools in a struggle against the USSR.

Here there is a bizarre throwback to the notorious anti-Semitic canard of the Elders of Zion, fabricated at the beginning of the century by the Tsarist secret police, the *Okhrana*. The new Russian anti-Semites, like the original ones, raise the spectre of a conspiracy of Jewish tycoons endeavouring to become masters of the world, to wreck world peace, and primarily to undermine the USSR.

Names of prominent Jews — mainly bankers — are freely spelt out: they usually include the Rothschilds, the Lehmanns, Kuhn Loeb, Lazard Freres, and occasionally the Rockefeller (who somehow qualify as Jews for this purpose). These and other leading Jews are supposed to undertake subversive operations against the USSR, both directly and indirectly. They function through the Zionist movement, the "international masonic order," the mafia and innumerable front organizations, ranging from Amnesty International to the Helsinki Monitoring Committees. All these are compared by Soviet writers to the tentacles of a huge, predatory octopus devouring the whole world.

IT IS NOT easy in this day and age to believe that such rabid nonsense can appear in print in a country where virtually all forms of public communication are controlled by the government. It may therefore be wise to give an illustration. The one chosen comes from the poisonous pen of a popular contemporary Soviet writer, Lev Alexandrovich Korneyev.

In a series of publications, both in the general press and in books, Korneyev has been arguing in recent years that there exist in the West 165 so-called "death concerns," that is military-industrial monopolies to which war brings enormous profits and which are

consequently interested in preventing disarmament and détente. Of the 165 death concerns, Korneyev tells us, no less than two thirds, and perhaps as many as 150, are owned or controlled by Jews.

Unfortunately, Korneyev is not alone in the field. By now there is a whole gallery of notoriously anti-Semitic writers in the USSR, such as Yuri Ivanov, Vladimir Begun and E. Yevseyev. Thus, from the viewpoint of the average Soviet reader, the West is encircled by the cobwebs of unlimited Jewish power and propelled by unlimited Jewish ambitions. Without the go-ahead signal from the Jewish-Zionist clique, so the Soviet reader is informed, no major policy change can be effected. And it is the Jewish billionaires who are bent on fomenting trouble for the USSR everywhere from Afghanistan to Poland.

This picture of the West is not a laughing matter. First of all, it presents a psychological block that is likely to defeat efforts to bring about a resumption of détente. For if the Soviets suffer from a deep rooted mistrust of the West, if they are genuinely convinced that there is a conspiracy against them, the chances of a rapprochement with the West are exceedingly remote.

Secondly, but not secondarily, the obsessive preoccupation with Jewish and Zionist themes in Soviet media fills Jews throughout the world with foreboding. The myth of a Jewish plot may have been revived by the Soviet authorities for pragmatic political purposes. But myths, once evolved, have a life of their own. In the post-Holocaust generation Jews may be excused if they are watching development with dread and a sense of déjà-vu.

The writer, rector of Tel Aviv University, is professor of International Law and Human Rights.

READERS' LETTERS

GRENADA EXPEDITION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Those who don't learn from their mistakes are bound to repeat them. A case in point is Michael Elkins (October 30) who takes Reagan to task for sending an armed force to Grenada, that island of horrors which showed every promise of becoming another Uganda.

The former BBC correspondent, understandably concerned with the prestige of the English queen and her prime minister, should have condemned Britain for failing to protect the rights of members of the British Commonwealth rather than savage Reagan who acted in time. The British — always opaque in their foreign policy — can justify a Falklands expedition to oust Argentinian invaders, but fail to assist a small government overthrown by Cuban mercenaries, and then hypocritically complain when the Americans do so.

As for "infuriating NATO allies," the vacillating, irresolute European continent lacks the moral stamina to oppose any violation of human rights in any part of the globe. Not one of these paragons of justice was willing to allow U.S. planes bringing emergency military supplies to Israel during the critical days of the Yom Kippur War to refuel at its air bases. Does anyone really believe that European NATO powers would put up serious resistance to a Soviet invasion of Europe?

Did Reagan have to wait until the totalitarian regime in Grenada seized 500 American medical students as hostages? What would Elkins have done then? Wring his hands? Or would he have preferred Grenada to become another nuclear missile site for the Russians?

Is there anything wrong with the U.S. responding to the urgent request of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, a grouping of small islands helplessly watching as Cuba, backed by Russia, picks them off one by one while nobody utters a word?

It's too bad that Reagan had to be a Lone Ranger, but he is allied with deputy marshals who chuck in their badges whenever they encounter the black hats. For Grenada, it was High Noon.

ELIEZER WHARTMAN
Jerusalem.

BRITON'S VISIT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Did British Foreign Office Minister of State Richard Luce really expect to see PLO spokesmen during his recent visit to Israel? Or did perfidious Albion merely seek to exacerbate Israeli-Arab tensions? British attitudes towards Israel have, at best, been cold. History should teach us to beware of visiting English diplomats.

Britain has a consistent record of acting against the better interests of Israel. Why should we permit an English official to speak with PLO spokesmen on our own soil? If he wants to talk with PLO terrorists, Minister Luce can do so in his own capital, where plenty are readily available.

How would the English people accept an Israeli Foreign Ministry official who, on a diplomatic mission, stopped off in London for a luncheon with the IRA before buzzing off to Belfast?

ISRAEL LOURIE
Kiryat Arba.

U.S. CITIZENS ABROAD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — We would like to inform all U.S. citizens in the greater Jerusalem area that an officer of the U.S. Consulate will be at the Conservative Center for Judaism, 2 Rehov Agron, on Wednesday, November 23, at 8 p.m.

Americans desiring to vote in the November 1984 election may at that time register and apply for an absentee ballot. Questions regarding voting procedures and regulations will be answered at that time. Information regarding next spring's overseas postal primary will also be made public.

DAVID FROELICH,
Chairman,
American Citizens Abroad
(Israel)
Rehovot.

RUCHOCKIMLYN CAMP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In October 1940, I and approximately 200 others were taken from the Lodz ghetto to Ruchockimlyn, near Wolstyn, in the area of Poznan. I have searched continuously for any information regarding this camp and even at Yad Vashem, I found nothing regarding the concentration camp or the cemetery.

After 43 years, I decided to locate this camp and cemetery. I have just returned from Poland, where I found the camp and the cemetery exactly as they were in 1940. I also found that the present owner of the camp is a Pole of German descent. I also found a woman who worked for 18 years for the former owner of the camp.

I am shocked that no evidence or testimony regarding this camp has been produced. I would be thankful if anyone who has any knowledge of Ruchockimlyn, or was in the camp from October 1940 to April 1941 would contact me at 7030, Midbury Drive, Dallas TX 75230.

LEO LAUFER
Dallas, Texas.

SAFE NEEDED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — As one of our departments is badly in need of a safe in which to house valuable items in the museum's collections, may we use the medium of this column to appeal to any reader who, through perhaps expansion or modernizing a business, may have no further use of an old safe. The Israel Museum would be very happy to accept this with many grateful thanks.

MEIR MEYER,
Vice Chairman,
The Israel Museum
Jerusalem.

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Through the courtesy of the Israeli Ambassador here in Bangkok, I received a copy of the interview with me, published on October 11. Unfortunately, two errors, one of wording and one of omission were made. As a result, the picture of the International Executive Service Corps volunteer may be distorted in the minds of some readers.

IESC volunteers do not receive any "pay" (word omitted in interview) whatsoever. Most of us are "comparatively" (not "very") well off, in that we are retired and have our pensions and social security.

This enables us to work as volunteers with only our expenses being paid. Our satisfaction comes from having been able to be someone else in our field of expertise, as well as from the opportunity to visit and live in another country to get to know its people, and make new friends.

Further information on IESC can be obtained by writing to IESC, Stamford Forum, P.O. Box 100, Stamford, Connecticut 06904-20 USA.

DAVID GILD
Bangkok, Thailand.

THE LAMAZE METHOD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was pleased to read your article, "The language of labour" (today — October 30), offering all the possibilities to couples interested in Lamaze natural childbirth by the Misgav Ladach Hospital.

You see, my husband and I were among the first (if not the first) couple to have our baby in Misgav

Ladach using the Lamaze method eight years ago. At that time, we countered much resistance, resentment and non-cooperation from nursing staff and only due to the intervention of our doctor were able to actively participate in the birth of our first child.

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POSTSCRIPTS

PS USED furniture can mean big money when Hollywood cleans out its attic, especially when the lamps and tables can boast supporting roles in *Gone With the Wind* and *Casablanca*.

Between 1,000 and 1,500 people turned out recently to bid \$475,000 on some 350,000 items in the inventories of the Cinema Mercantile Co. Ltd., a prop company in business since 1916, and Joseph Basch Galleries Inc.

The items, which had graced the sets of famous American movies and television shows, included the elaborate and ridiculous.

A peacock-shaped glass lamp used in *Belle Whattling's* house of ill repute in *Gone With the Wind* fetched \$41,250 from a local art collector.

The sale also offered an ivory and ebony inlaid fruitwood settee from *Casablanca*, the sculpture of a winged griffin from the *Hunchback*

of *Notre Dame* and a wrought-iron chandelier from *Gone With the Wind*. In an auction the previous month, the piano from *Casablanca* went for \$2,500.

PS HAIFA police have solved the mystery of a human skull that was discovered recently by a plumber in a sewer underneath a building in Rehov Herzl.

The well-preserved cranium was apparently once the property of a resident who during his youth had been a medical student in Belgium. He brought the skull with him when he came to Israel.

The police spokeswoman said that nearby they found some old exercise books with the names of two people who used to live in the house. They discovered that one of them was still living in Haifa, and when he was asked what he knew about the skull, he told them it had belonged to his late father. D.R.

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